

**Title**

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services to support the Madison Forward Fund and authorizing the Director for Public Health to sign a non-competitive contract with the Give Back Foundation for a Madison Forward Fund Program Manager and community outreach costs associated with the program.

**Body**

WHEREAS, the Madison Forward Fund, in partnership with the UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty, is poised to pilot a guaranteed income project in the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services has selected Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) as a recipient for funding through the Mobilizing Community for a Just Response Grant in the total of \$100,000 to conduct project activities through May 2023; and

WHEREAS, PHMDC proposes entering into a contract with the Give Back Foundation for \$100,000 for a term of April 2022 – May 2023 to support a Madison Forward Fund Program Manager and associated community outreach costs, such as graphic design and printed materials; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Forward Fund Program Manager will – as a function of their position description – work to leverage and enhance key community partnerships fostered by PHMDC during the ongoing response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Forward Fund Program Manager will work to conduct analyses and give recommendations on how direct cash transfer programs can impact health equity and social determinants of health in Madison and Dane County. Involvement with this pilot will allow for expanded partnerships in exploring this innovative approach to affecting health equity; and

WHEREAS, the research tells a compelling story: living wages translate to better health and quality of life. Importantly, these benefits would most significantly affect women and people of color- a step toward gender and racial equity; and

WHEREAS, MGO 4.26 requires Common Council approval of service contracts of \$50,000 or more if the contractor was not selected through a competitive selection process, and the reasons for selecting this contractor are set forth above and in the attached Noncompetitive Selection Request Form; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Public Health, or their designee, is authorized to sign a grant agreement with State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Mobilizing Community for a Just Response Grant in the total of \$100,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Public Health Madison and Dane County is

authorized to amend the 2022 Operating Budget in the amount of \$100,000 and is authorized to accept and expend the funding to support the Madison Forward Fund; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Director of Public Health, or their designee, is authorized to authorized to execute a service contract with the Give Back Foundation for the services and scope outlined above.